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Price, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORON, Ltd., 10, Old Broad Street, E.C. HADLEY & CO., 37, Whitechapel, E.C. SANDERSON & CO., 17, 18, & 19, Broad Street, W. M. WILKINSON, 101, Cannon Street, E.C. PARIS AND EUROPE.—ANDREI PRINCE & CO., 34, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WINK, 21, Park Row. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—FRAN & BLACK, San Francisco. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORON, Melbourne and Sydney. CEYLON.—W. M. SUTHER & CO., THE ASSOCIATED TRADING CO., Colombo. SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HINDSLEY & CO., Malacca. CHINA.—MACAO, F. A. DE CRUZ, Steamer, Quilon & Co., Amoy, N. MOORE, Poonchong, Hedon & Co., Shanghai, L. CHAMBERS & CO., Canton, and KELLY & WATSON, Yokohama, Kobe, Changhai, and other ports.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 5; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1. or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked *On Hongkong Savings Bank Business* is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 764

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$3,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—HON. JOHN BELL IRVING.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
C. D. BORTHWICK, Esq.
W. G. BROWN, Esq.
H. L. DAKIN, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq.
B. LAYTON, Esq.
J. S. MOORE, Esq.
L. POSENER, Esq.
E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

HONGKONG.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai.—EWEEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—LONDON AND COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 303

Intimations.

J. D. KILEY, SAIL-MAKER.

TENTS, AWNINGS AND FLAGS.
No. 23, Prince Central, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, November 1, 1887. 2186

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS to be sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Prince Central, will receive prompt attention.
In the event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-Signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.
D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, August 26, 1888. 1468

Intimations.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1887.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th February until 10th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, February 18, 1888. 292

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Sixth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1887.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th February until the 10th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, February 18, 1888. 293

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half Year ending 31st December, 1887, at the rate of (\$1.10) ONE POUND AND TEN SHILLINGS STERLING per SHARE of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY NEXT, the 27th Instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 25, 1888. 314

ANT. GLARDON—PAILLARD in Valais.

ANT. GLARDON—PAILLARD in Valais, manufacturer of Files and Gravers for Watchmaking and FINE FILES of all warranted sorts. Curious Boreas, Billions and Etchers in all forms. Samples post free on application. Medal d'Or de la Suisse, 1881. Diplôme, Zurich 1883. Silver Medal, Nizza 1883-84. Antwerp 1885.



NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the Productions of the CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, can henceforward be obtained by RETAIL, FOR CASH, at No. 3, PRINCE STREET, at the same prices as at the REFINERY, or Retail Orders will be delivered at addresses in town on applications forwarded through the Monthly Requirements, in writing, direct to the REFINERY at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1128

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CENTRAL EXCHANGE 13, PRINCE CENTRAL.

THE above Company's EXCHANGE is NOW OPEN for Telephone Communication.

Rate of Subscription is \$50 per annum, payable quarterly in advance. Electrical Material of all descriptions kept in stock for sale.
ELECTRIC BELLS a specialty. Houses fitted up and kept in order at most Moderate Prices.
TELEPHONE MATERIAL supplied on Sale or Hire.
AGENTS for ELECTRIC LIGHTING, both ARC and INCANDESCENT. Estimates furnished free.
HAROLD DOWSON, Agent.
Hongkong, August 24, 1887. 1310

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON and COTTON YARN at the Kowloon Wharves will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 Cents per bale per month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.
Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGERS'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES. REPAIRS TO ALL INSTRUMENTS. ADAMANTINE & EMERALD CHARTS. NAUTICAL BOOKS.
English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware. Crystal & Co. Electro-Plated Ware. GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.
DIAMONDS AND DIAMOND JEWELLERY. A splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS at very moderate prices. 742

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.



HAVE NOW RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF FELT HATS AND RACE SCARVES, SADDLERY AND RACING SUNDRIES, of all kinds.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 231

STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL is centrally situated and within a few minutes' walk from the PRINCIPAL LANDING PLACES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS. CHARGES MODERATE.

TIPPIN at 1 o'clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM. TIPPIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MAIN LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

Victoria Hotel,

Prayer and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

THE ROOMS are spacious, well-ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and luxurious manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

THE HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

THE HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.
Hongkong, September 18, 1885. 1612

W. POWELL & Co.

Ladies' Department.

NEW WHITE STRAW HATS. NEW SUMMER BONNETS. NEW FLOWERS and FEATHERS. NEW PARASOLS and UMBRELLAS. NEW BOOTS and SHOES. NEW COLOURED SUED GLOVES.

(TELEPHONE 21). VICTORIA EXCHANGE, February 18, 1888. 256

Furnishing Department.

CHEAP CARPET SQUARES. IRON BEDSTEADS, all sizes. SPRING MATTRESSES, all sizes. COLOURED TABLE CLOTHS. WHITE TABLE LINEN. CHINA BREAKFAST CRUETS.

(TELEPHONE 21). VICTORIA EXCHANGE, February 18, 1888. 256

NEW GOODS.

TRAIL SILK HATS. DREAD FELT HATS. BLACK, BROWN, DRAB and GREY HAT FELT HATS. TWEED HATS and CAPS in new shapes. STRAW and FINE HATS. SILK UMBRELLAS, from 65, over 10 to choose from. WALKING STICKS, a very large assortment. WATERPROOF COATS, LEGGINGS and CLOAKS. TRAVELLING BAGS and SADDLES. MANTLES. OVER COATINGS, light and heavy. OVER COATINGS, Ulster Tweeds.

Fine Black DIAGONAL and COLOURED Dress Suits. Black, Blue & Brown Fancy and Check DIAGONAL COATINGS. Fancy and Check TWEED SUITINGS. TROUSERS, in a great variety of Stripes, Checks, &c. CHECKING FLANNELS, in Checks, Stripes & Plain. FRENCH PRINTED SHIRTINGS. UNBROKEN, FLANNEL SHIRTINGS. Winter, Medium and Summer UNDER VESTS and PANTS. READY-MADE ULSTERS in STOCK.

Solid LEATHER POSTMAN TRUNKS. OVERLAND TRUNKS, GLADSTONE BAGS, and a variety of TRAVELLING BAGS, all sizes. SILK & HOSE, Black, Navy and Colours. Lamb's Wool, Merino and Lisle Thread & HOSE. White Dress SHIRTS. Lacing & E. S. Boots and SHOES. SHOCKING BOOTS, RUBBER BOOTS. Patent Leather Boots and SHOES. DANCING PUMPS, all sizes. Large Stock of SCARVES, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.

A PONY, with TRAP, HARNESS, &c., in excellent condition. The Lease of the House is to be disposed of privately, for Particulars, apply to E. T. BOND, H. B. M. Vice-Consul, at Enticement. Hongkong, February 25, 1888. 315

For Sale.

FOR SALE. J. L. S. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. Quarts.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz. Pints.....\$21 " " 2 " Dubon Freres & de Giron & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES. Barter's Celebrated 'Barley Bree' WHISKY, \$7 1/2 per Case of 1 doz. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

To Let.

TO LET. (With Immediate Possession.) TWO DESIRABLE RESIDENCES situated in Queen Road, West-end Terrace opposite to Rose Villa. Apply to No. 14, Caine Road. Hongkong, October 31, 1887. 2130

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLIER CHAMBERS'. GODOWN in LOR HOUSE Lane, lately occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, from the 1st May. Apply to DAVID SASSOON, MESSRS. & Co. Hongkong, February 3, 1888. 504

TO BE LET.

UNFURNISHED WITH TENNIS COURT. NO. 5, RICHMOND TERRACE, a FOUR ROOMED HOUSE, with Three Bath Rooms. NO. 6, RICHMOND TERRACE, a SIX ROOMED HOUSE, with Three Bath Rooms. A NEW STORY has just been added to the Servants' Quarters of both houses. Apply to JOHN WILLMOTT, Hongkong Dispensary. Hongkong, January 27, 1888. 149

DE JONG'S PURE SOLUBLE COCOA.

THE 'ACME' OF ALL PURE COCOAS, MAKES THE MOST DELICIOUS HOT OR GOLD AND ICED COCOA AND CHOCOLATE.

DR. HEHNER, the well-known Public Analyst, reports:—A SAMPLE of DE JONG'S PURE SOLUBLE COCOA having been submitted to me, I have much pleasure in stating that I found it to be of absolute PURITY and of the HIGHEST EXCELLENCE. It surpasses in delicacy of aroma and richness of taste the best kinds of similar COCOAS, which have hitherto been offered to the public.

This COCOA, taken in cold water and without Sugar, is an unfailing remedy for Diarrhoea.

DE JONG'S COCOA is not only the most nutritious article of food, but is easily assimilated by even so delicate a digestion, and therefore, a great benefit to invalids.

DE JONG'S COCOA may be obtained from

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Agents for Hongkong.
Hongkong, February 22, 1888. 500

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 4% or 85 per SHARE for the Six Month-ended 31st December, 1887, declared at Today's General Meeting will be Payable at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY on and after TUESDAY, the 27th Instant, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, Prince Central, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 207

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE First Ordinary Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of March next, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1887. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd Instant to 8th Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.
Hongkong, February 19, 1888. 294

Intimations.

NOTICE.

PERSONS having CLAIMS against the Undersigned are requested to send them in before the 10th Proximo.

H. G. THOMSETT.
Hongkong, February 27, 1888. 324

ANDREW JOHNSTON, Consulting Engineer.

BANK BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD.

PLANS and ESTIMATES prepared for LIGHT DRABERY, STAIRS, SWAN LAUNDRY, MACHINERY, and all other kinds of MACHINERY. A list of Steamers FOR SALE always on hand.

The Address at above.
Hongkong, January 4, 1888. 21

LEE TUK CHEONG, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons having CLAIMS or DEMANDS against or upon the Estate of LEE TUK CHEONG, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant, who died on the 5th May, 1887, are required to send to me at my Office, at No. 61, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, before the 30th April next, full particulars of such Claims or Demands on or before the 30th April next, in order that the same may be examined by LEE SOW KEW, the Administrator of his Estate, and if found correct duly discharged. And all Persons INDEBTED to the said Deceased are requested to pay the amount of their respective Debts to me.

Dated this 27th February, 1888.

HO WYSON, Solicitor to the Administrator.

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI FONG, Surgeon Dentist.

(FORMERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROBERTS, and LATELY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROBERTS.)

At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROBERTS.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families. Sole Address.

2, DUDDELL STREET. (Next to the New Oriental Bank.)
Hongkong, January 12, 1888. 68

Auctions.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1888.

San Lourenço, MACAO.

OFFICE AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

(The Effects of the late Mr. MONTMUR MURRAY), including, amongst numerous other Articles:

DINING-ROOM and DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE, SIDEBOARDS, GLASS, CHINA, a considerable quantity of SILVER and PLATED WARE, PICTURES, MIRRORS, BED and TABLE LINEN, &c., &c.

Bedroom Requisites, including:—5 BEDSTEADS (WOODEN AND IRON), WARDROBES, &c., &c.

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Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE has THIS DAY been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

CHATER & VERNON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 6

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. CLYMORE FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 24th Instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 1st Proximo will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st Proximo, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 1st Proximo, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 24, 1888. 305

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. BRECONSHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 2nd Proximo will be subject to rent at the rate of one cent per package per day.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd Proximo, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 25,

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)
The Co.'s Steamship
Tientsin, Capt. Jones, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 8th Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HOP HING HONG,
Agents,
at S.S. Nanshan.
Hongkong, February 29, 1888. 334

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)
The Co.'s Steamship
Tientsin, Capt. Jones, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 8th Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, February 29, 1888. 336

FOR SINGAPORE, HAYRE AND HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)
The Steamship
Polythemia, Capt. W. Schaeffer, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, February 29, 1888. 336

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.
The Annual General Meeting of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on FRIDAY, the 9th March, at 3 p.m., at the Rooms of the Chamber, City Hall, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee, and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1887.

After the Annual Meeting of the Chamber, the Bill now before the Legislative Council relating to the Registration of IMPORTS and EXPORTS of the Colony, will be DISCUSSED, and ALL MEMBERS of the MERCHANTILE COMMUNITY interested in this question, are INVITED to attend, at 4.30 p.m.

By Order,
H. U. JEFFRIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 29, 1888. 333

TO LET.

(Immediate Possession.)
SHOP No. 6, "BRANDENBURG ARCADE,"
Queen's Road.
Apply to
BELLIOS & Co.,
Hongkong, February 29, 1888. 337

Intimations.

WINTER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM-LAUNCH MORNING STAR.

RUNS DAILY as a FERRY BOAT between Paddar's Wharf and Tsim-Tsu-Tui at the following hours:—This Time Table will take effect from the 17th OCTOBER, 1887.

WEEK DAYS.

SUNDAYS.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALLIE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J. Phillips.—Wielor & Co.
B. P. OLENEY, American ship, Captain Hughes.—Douglas, LaPrade & Co.
Britoia, German barque, Capt. P. Weiss.—Wielor & Co.

CENTENNIAL, American ship, Captain I. M. Beards.—Russell & Co.
Erie, British barque, Capt. W. Summers.—Order.
GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, Capt. James G. Russell.—Russell & Co.

HATLEY E. TALLEY, British barque, Capt. J. McCormick.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
MANUEL, Spanish barque, Capt. Estival.—Remedios & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 29, 1888:—

Taichite, British steamer, 802, Joseph Newton, Bangkok February 22. Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

Abington, British steamer, 805, W. Reynolds, Saigon Feb. 23. Rice.—Siemssen & Co.

China, German steamer, 1,001, P. Haye, Saigon February 24. Rice and Paddy.—Wielor & Co.

Triumph, German steamer, 674, P. Moss, Haiphong February 26, and Huihow 28, General.—Wielor & Co.

Lombardy, British steamer, 1,315, C. T. Preston, Saigon February 28, Rice.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

February 29:—

Belgia, for Whampoa.

Pha Chua Chom Kiao, for Swatow.

Angara, for Saigon.

Bornida, for Singapore and London.

Dobba, for Amoy and Manila.

Tekong, for Saigon.

Firebrand, British gunboat, for Manila.

CLEARED.

Norden, for Manila.

Kumamoto Maru, for Kutchinotzu.

Namoa, for Coast Ports.

Phu Quec, for Haiphong.

Ninh, for Saigon.

Noushan, for Swatow.

Chingtu, for Sydney.

Teresa, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived:—

Per Triumph, from Hongkong, Mr. Mossop, and Mr. Magaski, and 12 Chinese.

Per China, from Saigon, 1 Chinese.

Per Triumph, from Haiphong, 48 Chinese.

Per Lombardy, from Saigon, 1 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Pha Chua Chom Kiao, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Banga, from Hongkong: for Singapore, Messrs G. Foxwood, J. Sloan, J. W. Benkin, F. Gray, Baron von Stark, Baron von Klump, and Baron von Hugo, 3 European male servants, and 2 native servants; for Madras, Mr. F. B. Tuck; for

Colombo, Mr. and Mrs. J. Colombo, Mr. and Mrs. J. Yemon, 1 child, 1 infant, and European nurse; Bombay, Messrs S. E. Shollin, E. S. Sathia, S. Melia, P. F. Tolates and Kavaji Edulji; for London, Mr. and Mrs. Hope Johnston and maid, Mrs. and Master Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Ford, Messrs T. A. Nielsen and Jno. Collett; for London via Marseilles, Mr. Jas. West. From Shanghai: for London, Captain Alington, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Gardner, and Miss Gardner, and Mr. Geo. Nicoll. From Marseilles: for Venice, Rev. and Miss Stout, Miss and Master Stout, from Kobe; for Brindisi, Mr. A. A. Wagner, from Yokohama; for Penang, Mr. E. F. Thomas; for London, Capt. Uwehold, Messrs A. C. Voser, P. L. Slek and O. Schipper.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Taichite reports: Had fine weather and S.E. winds to Cape Paduan, then to port fresh monsoons and high head sea.

The German steamer Triumph reports: Had light N.E. monsoon and fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For MANILA.—Per Norder, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 1st March.

For SHANGHAI.—Per Yang Ching, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 1st March.

For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.—Per Canton, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 2nd March.

For MANILA.—Per Zafra, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 2nd March.

For SAIGON.—Per Zafra, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 2nd March.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—Per Zafra, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 2nd March.

MAILS BY THE FRANKLIN PACKET.

The French Contract Packet, *Singhalet*, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 7th March, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, Madras, the Australian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS OF CLOSING.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the French Contract Packet:—

Day before departure:—

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes.

Post Office closes, except the Night Box, which is always open out of Office hours.

Day of departure:—

10 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters closes.

10.30 a.m.—Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Post of 10 cents until

11.30 a.m.—When the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

By means of Postal Notes.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For TIENTSIN.—Per Kienyang, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd March.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—The United States Mail Packet *City of Rio de Janeiro* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Money Orders.

1.—Money Orders are issued at Hongkong and Shanghai on the following countries and places:—

Amoy. * Azores Is. * Belgium. * Bermuda. * Canada. * Canton. * Cape Colony. * Ceylon. * Constantinople. * Cyprus. * Denmark. * Egypt. * Falkland Is. * Fochow. * Gambia. * Germany. * Gibraltar. * Gold Coast. * Hankow. * Hawaii. * Hongkong. * India. * Japan. * Lagos. * Madras. * Mauritius. * Natal. * Newfoundland. * New South Wales. * North Borneo. * Ningpo. * Norway. * Port Darwin. * Portugal. * Queensland. * S. Helena. * Seychelles. * Shanghai. * Sierra Leone. * South Australia. * Straits Settlements. * Swatow. * Sweden. * Switzerland. * Tasmania. * United Kingdom. * Victoria. * Western Australia. * West Indies (British, Danish, and Dutch). * Italy. * Iceland. * India. * Japan. * Lagos.

2.—Orders on the Countries marked * are forwarded through the London Post Office, and are paid less a small discount of about 2d. in the £1, for which the remitter should allow. All such orders must be expressed in British currency.

3.—The commission charged is as follows (according to the currency the Order is drawn in):

Up to £2, or \$10, or R 20, 0.20 cents.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Nanshan leaves for Coast Ports.

Daylight.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Claymore undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 2:—

Goods per *Sachsen* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Evadne* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

There will be a moonlight parade and march out of the Left Division of the Hongkong Volunteers on Friday evening next, which all members of the Corps are invited to attend. The first monthly Cup Competition for all Divisions will be held on Sunday afternoon, the 4th March. This time has been selected as affording the only opportunity which will enable every man to be present who wishes to do so.

Le Courier d'Haiphong says that M. Schaefflin, a Frenchman who served for a number of years in the Chinese army, in which he had the title of General, and who abandoned this military situation on the outbreak of the war between France and China, has just obtained a concession of 15,000 hectares of carboniferous land situated in the neighbourhood of Ding-trien. *Le Courier* hopes that Ding-trien will soon become the centre of an important exportation which will contribute to the pacification in giving work to the plunderers of the country.

The Manila *Comercio* says: "The engineer in charge of the Manila-Dagupan railway, Senor Bortolano, has received a telegram from London, ordering him to commence immediately the appropriation of the ground over which the line will pass. It is mentioned in the same telegram that the necessary materials for the commencement of the work will soon be shipped to Manila, the sum of \$500,000-\$275,000, having been subscribed in London by share. The remainder of the capital will be called when necessary by means of bonds."

In the Police Court to-day, James Matthews, a seaman from Ireland, was charged by the Superintendent of the Sailor's Home with being drunk and disorderly in the Home yesterday. He was fined \$2.—A Chinaman was fined \$10 for being in possession of a diseased pig.—Benjamin Mody was convicted of being a rogue and vagabond and begging on the Praya yesterday. Constable Gridley said he saw the man in an intoxicated state begging from different shops there. Accused said he was asking work as a watchman, but his Worship would not accept this plea, and fined him \$1, with the alternative of 14 days' hard labour.

About four o'clock this morning, Gundor Singh, assistant Sergeant Interpreter at West Point, shot himself in his bed-room with a Martini-Henri rifle. The ball entered his stomach and went through his back. It then passed through the floor of the chamber above, where Inspector Swanton and his family were asleep, broke through a chest of drawers, and finally landed in the ceiling. The Inspector was struck with a splinter from the chest of drawers, but fortunately the ball did not go near him or any of his family. The Inspector at once rushed to the spot to ascertain the cause of the shot and had the Indian, who was still living, sent to the Civil Hospital. The wounded man, however, died on the way. No cause can be assigned for the homicide. The two Indians, who slept in the same compartment, say that they noticed nothing particularly wrong with Singh when he went to bed last night. The taking away of his life seems, however, to have been deliberately planned, for he had his accounts all carefully made up to last night. The deceased was a very intelligent man, read and spoke English remarkably well, and if anything seemed over-ardent in his studies. Inspector Swanton, we believe, noticed him some time ago looking rather morose, and counselled him against studying too hard, but never thought there was anything seriously wrong with his mind. An inquest was held this afternoon on the body.

The following officers proceeded to England in the *Tanor* on the 27th inst.:—
From H.M.S. *Swift*, Commander A. C. B. Bromley, Lieut. A. Loane and E. Lowdon, Surgeon Bowie, and Gunner James Allan.

From H. M. S. *Wanderer*, Lieut. P. Dudgeon, F. Lancelotti, F. Eagles, and F. Eyre, Paymaster Reg. O. Bray, and Staff Engineer Leitch.

From H.M.S. *Firebrand*, Lieut. Plenderleath, Assist. Paymaster Mortimore, Surgeon A. Peyton, Engineer Bligh Thomas, and Gunner R. Brooking.

From H. M. S. *Adonis*, Commander Leach.

From H.M.S. *Cordelia*, Fleet Surgeon Kellen.

From H.M.S. *Constance*, Lieut. Montgomery Rind.

From H.M.S. *Sapphire*, Lieut. Hogg, Midshipmen Smith, Kirke, Leake and Heard.

From *Victor Emanuel* and Naval Hospital, Staff Engineer McEwen, Gunner Wm. D. Parkin, Staff Surgeon Preston, Mr. Condy, Carpenter, Gunner R. Gardner, and Lieutenant Botelet.

There will be a Football Match to-morrow between the Club and the 68th Regiment (return) under Association rules. Play will commence at 4.30 and there will be a tent on the ground as usual for the ladies.

The following are the teams:—Club (Colours), F. O. Vignoles, R. A. (Captain), H. S. Woodcock, R. A., J. P. Brewin, R. E., J. E. Edwards, R. E., E. W. Maitland, F. Maitland, C. W. Dickson, A. H. Maitland, H. F. Hall, D. H. Mackintosh, W. H. Wallace.
68th Regiment (Whites), C. E. Higgins, botham, C. P. Pedler, F. H. Johnston, H. de O. Huismann, Private Hayford, Private Gibbs, Private Howell, Private Hunter, Private Neate, Private Aldridge, Sergeant Charrington.

The Medical Commission, having finished their labours in the way of hearing evidence, met this afternoon to consider their report. All the members were present. The Secretary to the Commission, Mr. A. G. Wise, intimated that the drainage plans etc. with which Mr. Cooper had been asked to furnish the Commission had been sent in, and that the notes of the evidence taken by Mr. G. C. Cox, Reporter to the Commission, were ready for being put into the hands of the printer. It was agreed that proof sheets of the evidence should be furnished to each member of the Commission, and that each witness should be furnished with a proof of his evidence as soon as convenient. The Chairman (Dr. Mortimer) said he thought it would be well that, before the Commission proceeded to consider their report, the representatives of the press should be asked to withdraw. Dr. Cantile said as the Commission were now in the position of a jury considering their verdict, which would be made public afterwards, the proper course appeared to him to be that they should discuss the evidence in private. Dr. Young said they were considering a subject about which there could not be too much publicity, but he had no objection to the report being considered in private. Dr. Cantile's view being shared by the other members of the Commission, the reporters were asked to withdraw.

'EMPEROR OF CENTRAL ASIA.'—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* telegraphs:—"The rumour that the Czar is to be crowned Emperor of Central Asia which was circulated last year and authoritatively denied, now receives strong confirmation from the fact that a summer palace is in course of erection at Merv for the reception of His Imperial Majesty. It will be remembered that quite recently the announcement was made that the Czar would proceed to the Caucasus in the course of the present year. I am informed on excellent authority that Central Asia is his real destination."

ITALY AND AETHIOPIA.—Whatever may be the result of the war between Italy and Abyssinia—and it can hardly be doubted that Italy will, with perhaps some difficulty, be entirely victorious—it is fortunate for the former that she has in the person of General San Marzano a brave and indefatigable Commander-in-Chief of her forces. General San Marzano is a native of Piedmont, and is fifty-seven years old. He was educated at the Military Academy at Turin, served in a cavalry regiment, passed into the Etoat Major, and went through the campaign of 1870 with the grade of colonel, in General Buge's division. He has represented Italy at the Congress of Nizza Monferrato in the Chamber of Deputies.

THE Peking mind contains some queer notions about foreigners. Here is one which is very generally given here as an explanation of our last war with China. During the financial embarrassment caused by the Taiping rebellion, Hsiao Fung issued government notes in payment of official salaries and other national liabilities. The market was eventually glutted with the unmarketable paper. Some knives hit upon a happy idea of relieving the congestion. The notes were bought up, taken South, and there made over in the usual course of business to the unexpecting foreigners. The latter, finding themselves duped, made way to recover the loss caused by the unmarketable paper, and the intensity was the satisfaction they ultimately received. It is curious to find that this story is so widely publicized as religious publications have, the national mind need not have been groping in such darkness for the last quarter of a century.—*Chinese Times*.

As a result of the investigations made by the British Consulate, Canton, etc., by the Commission appointed by Chang Chih-tsun last year, a brief account of which we published in one of our previous issues, we understand that His Excellency Chang has submitted a memorial recommending a proposal for the establishment of Chinese consulates in the more important islands where Chinese commercial and other disadvantages exist. This matter is now engaging the attention of the Foreign Office, which is consulting with the foreign Ministers in Peking the advisability of the proposed step, but the result of their deliberations has not yet transpired. The Chinese in the various colonies which they have emigrated suffer many commercial and other disadvantages by reason of their being without representatives of their government to protect their interests, and it is understood that the merchants themselves are ready to subscribe the requisite funds for the establishment and maintenance of consulates. It is to be hoped that the government, through the Foreign Office, will decide favourably on the proposal.—*Shi Pao*.

THE action of the Government of India in ordering a Pioneer regiment into Sikim to repair the bridge over the Rilli river must not be construed into an actual intention to begin hostilities with the Tibetans. The fact that the Infantry are to be accompanied by two mountain gunnery companies is significant; but it must be remembered that the distance from the Rilli to Lingtu, where the Tibetans have a party of men holding their fortified post, is only some 20 miles by road, and that communications must consequently be guarded against. The Lamas have grown so arrogant through our forbearance that they may feel tempted, even at this season of the year, to place a considerable body of men at Lingtu, and even threaten our working parties. If they are foolish enough to do that, then hostilities will be forced upon us, and the Tibetans will be driven back into their own country as soon as a force can be got together to operate against them. It is not intended to send British Infantry at present; but precautions have been taken to have these ready to move at a few hours' notice if matters assume a serious aspect. The immediate object of moving some 700 or 800 men into Sikim is to exert a moral effect both upon the Tibetans and the subjects of the Raja of Sikim. They will see that the limit of forbearance on the part of the Government of India has been passed, and that preparations are being made to break down, once and for all, the influence which the Lamas have for some time past exerted in Sikim. The capture of the Lingtu fort, or breastwork as it really is, is only a minor point after all; the real object is a political one. If the present display of force is sufficient to induce the Tibetans to abandon Lingtu, and this is just possible, though we are not very sanguine on the point, then no expedition in the real sense of the term will be needed. The Lamas will have admitted that they have no *locus standi* in the affairs of Sikim, and the Raja of that State will doubtless show anxiety to fulfil his treaty obligations with India.—*Pioneer*.

We are (says Mr. E. Yates, in the *World*) a singular, strange, but not a bad people, as that eminent importer, calling himself Max O'Roll got paid for telling us; we and the French are all that is *le plus fin, le plus spirituel*. Here is a case in point: We at this office, and the proprietors of the *Paris Figaro*, have for years interchanged our respective journals. Ours is sent to 'Le Figaro' Rue Croix, Paris; the *Figaro* comes to us in a band, with a printed address, of which the following is an exact copy:

Read Men and Women
Yok Street
Canton Garden, W. London.
You will observe that the *World* is not mentioned, and that they have completely smashed up our sub-title and our street address! 'Spiritual, isn't it? And this, like the embarras of conduct of the lovers in Lord Houghton's poem, is not 'the work of days, but has gone on for years and years.'

TABLE SHOWING DEPARTURE OF MAILS FOR EUROPE.

We give below a table of the days of departure of the English, French and German mails for the remainder of the year. It will be observed that the French and English Mails both leave on the 13th April. This is doubtless due to the change of arrangements consequent on the change of the Monsoon. The next English Mail thereafter leaves on the 6th May (Sunday) and the French on the 10th May (Thursday).

From that time the days of departure follow regularly every Sunday and Thursday till the middle of September. The English and French Mails both leave on the 13th September. There is then an interval of a fortnight during which no mails leave, and both mails again leave on the same day, the 27th September. The English Mail following is on the 11th October (Thursday) and the French on the 17th October (Wednesday). Thereafter during the N. E. Monsoon they leave regularly every Thursday and Wednesday as they do just now. An allowance of 23 days during the N. E. Monsoon, that is up till the 26th April, is made for both English and French Mails between this and London; but after that date till about the middle of September the allowance is 35 days for the English and 34 for the French. On the commencement of the N. E. Monsoon the former time (32 days) is reverted to by both. The German Mail leaves pretty regularly every four weeks, and the times followed are 31 days during the N. E. Monsoon and 34 during the S. W. The following are the days of departure, E. standing for English, F. for French and G. for German:

March 1 E. June 8 G. Sept. 27 F.	
March 7 F. June 17 E. Sept. 28 G.	
March 15 E. June 21 F. Sept. 11 E.	
March 21 F. June 27 E. Sept. 17 F.	
March 29 E. July 5 G. Oct. 25 F.	
April 4 F. July 12 E. Oct. 31 G.	
April 12 E. July 19 F. Nov. 8 E.	
April 16 G. July 29 E. Nov. 14 F.	
April 18 F. August 2 F. Nov. 22 E.	
April 26 E. August 5 G. Nov. 30 F.	
April 28 F. August 12 E. Dec. 7 F.	
May 6 E. August 16 F. Dec. 14 G.	
May 10 F. August 20 E. Dec. 18 F.	
May 11 G. August 31 F. Dec. 20 G.	
May 20 E. August 30 F. Dec. 24 E.	
May 24 F. Sept. 13 E. Dec. 26 F.	
June 3 E. Sept. 18 F. Jan. 3 E.	
June 7 F. Sept. 27 E. Jan. 9 F.	

THE LOSS OF THE STEAMER SWATOW.

A Naval Court, composed of Mr. R. W. Mansfield, H.B.M.'s Acting Consul, (President), Mr. F. D. Goddard, Master British steamer *Namaka*, and Mr. John McKee, master steamer *Namaka*, assembled at H.B.M.'s Consulate, Swatow, on the 25th February, to investigate the circumstances attending the loss of the China Navigation Company's steamer *Swatow*, Capt. Warren, on the 22nd February on Half Tide Reef, near Namoa Island. Mr. W. H. Wilkinson acted as Clerk of the Court.

After hearing the evidence, the Court returned the following finding:—
Finding by order of a Naval Court held at H.B.M.'s Consulate, Swatow, on the 25th day of February, 1888, to investigate the circumstances attending the loss of the British steamship *Swatow*, of the port of London, official number 68,403, when on a voyage from Swatow to Shanghai, and the cause of such loss, and to enquire into the conduct of the master, certified officers and crew of the said vessel.

The British steamship *Swatow* left the port of Swatow at 5 p.m. on the 22nd February, 1888. She passed Bill Island at 6.10 p.m. and steered a course of the Three Chimney Bluff passage, E.N.E. magnetic. *Plas Island* was passed at 7.55 p.m. at a distance of about 10 miles from the mainland. The steamer was then struck on Half Tide Reef lying off the south-east end of Namoa Island, becoming a total wreck. The weather at the time was moonlight but overcast; wind being moderate from the N.E. and the ship steaming between 8 and 9 knots an hour. After striking, the vessel commenced to fill rapidly, taking a strong list to starboard which rendered the two port boats useless. The starboard boats, it appears, were both got out safely, the quarter boat reaching Namoa Island with the captain and fifteen Chinese at about 10 p.m. The starboard life boat was so far from being used that the body of the chief engineer, who is believed to have gone on it, has been since brought in from near the Cape of Good Hope. The remainder of the survivors, including the chief mate and second engineer, took refuge in the main rigging, the deck of the vessel being under water within a quarter of an hour of the time of striking. The bodies of three Chinese, who, owing to exhaustion by exposure were unable to get to the boat brought to their rescue by the captain in the following morning, saved and brought in to Swatow.

The loss in dead and missing is 31, including the body of the chief engineer, Bruce, and the second mate, B. (O) Freeman.

The Court having regard to the circumstances above stated, and as follows:—
1st.—That the master was justified in using the Three Chimney Bluff passage, but having in view this passage upon one occasion by night, he omitted a necessary

precaution (by his own confession) in that he did not verify the position by taking cross bearings of Domo Island and Three Chimney Bluff, both of which were visible after passing *Plas Island*.

2nd.—That the officer on watch (the second mate, B. (O) Freeman, being among the missing, it is impossible to ascertain whether any blame attaches to him) after the vessel struck, there was so short an interval before the sank that little more could have been done than was done to save life. There appears, however, to have been a want of discipline among the Chinese crew, who crowded into the lifeboats immediately. No papers, charts, log-book, or effects were saved from the ship.

That the chief mate, John Thomson, appears to have used his utmost efforts to save the lives of the passengers and crew, and his conduct is deserving of praise. The Court therefore, in consideration of the above facts, and the circumstances, suspended the certificate of John Warren, master of the late steamship *Swatow*, for a period of six calendar months from the date of this finding, and the Court recommends that a certificate as first made be issued to the said John Warren for the term period.

The certificate of this Court fixed at £5.7s.6d. are approved.
Dated at Swatow, this 25th day of February, 1888.
(Signed) R. W. MANSFIELD, Acting Consul, President of Naval Court.
(Signed) F. D. GODDARD, Master, Brit. str. *Namaka*.
(Signed) J. McKEE, Master, Brit. str. *Namaka*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY.

To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.
Hongkong, Feb. 29, 1888.
SIR,—I am surprised it did not occur to the Chairman at the meeting to call the attention of the shareholders to the simple fact that the bulk of the metals in stock could not at the present time be replaced at less than 15 per cent. dealer. Buying on the large extent that has been done by the Manager at the past low rates has put at least \$5,000 into the pocket of the Company, independently of the profit on freight, which is now 10/1 a ton dearer than last year.—Yours,

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Hon. Mr. A. J. Leach, Acting Judge.)
Wednesday, Feb. 29.

PITMAN v. SCOTT.—INTERESTING SHIPPING CASE.

This is a claim by the managing owner of the s.s. *Mary Austin* against the master, David Scott, for certain sums said to be unlawfully detained by the defendant as master of the ship, amounting in all to \$515. Mr. Webber appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Wotton for the defendant.

Mr. Wotton said the amount in question was made up of the following three sums:—Commission on the sale of the *Mary Austin* at the rate of 3 per cent., \$260; defendant's passage money to Hongkong from Singapore \$25; and fifteen days' wages, \$90. On 7th November 1887, the defendant was sent by the plaintiff to take charge of the vessel, which had been sold for \$12,000. Plaintiff's best your pardon, I did not know there was a slip between the cup and the lip.

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